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1. Following are planned potato deliveries for the fourth quarter of 1952 and the first quarter of 1953 from the Lander which have a surplus of potatoes (Brandenburg, Mecklenburg, and Saxony-Anhalt) to the Lander whose potato production is insufficient (Saxony, Thuringia, and East Berlin):

Deliverer	Saxony	Thuringia	East Berlin
Brandenburg	55,437 tons	87,600 tons	9,111 tons
Mecklenburg	131,377 tons	—	27,424 tons
Totals	186,814 tons	87,600 tons	126,535 tons

2. After the delivery contracts were completed, the following amounts of potatoes were to be delivered during the first ten days of October 1952:

Deliverer	Saxony	Thuringia	East Berlin
Brandenburg	8,436 tons	39,106 tons	3,160 tons
Mecklenburg	57,227 tons	—	11,980 tons
Totals	65,663 tons	39,106 tons	15,140 tons

3. According to daily records of the State Secretariat for Procurement and Purchase, the status of deliveries as of 10 October 1952 was as follows:

Deliverer	Saxony	Thuringia	East Berlin
Brandenburg	7,373 tons	30,186 tons	3,764 tons
Mecklenburg	55,408 tons	—	11,453 tons
Totals	62,781 tons	30,186 tons	15,217 tons

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4. Only 10,000 of the 100,000 metric tons of potatoes which were to be exported by the end of the third quarter of 1952 were actually shipped. The remaining 90,000 tons are to be delivered starting 10 October. Berlin is to receive 31,300 tons from Brandenburg, 12,500 tons from Mecklenburg, and 25,600 tons from Saxony-Anhalt - a total of 70,000 tons; Mecklenburg is to export 20,000 tons to Hungary.
5. It was impossible to begin storing potatoes on 1 September as planned, since the population at that time still refused to accept storage potatoes. Potato storage did, however, begin on 20 September. By the end of September results were generally satisfactory; in Saxony-Anhalt and Berlin, it was expected that storage would be completed by the end of October or the beginning of November. It was therefore possible on 1 October to permit the producers to begin direct storing as planned. Between 5 and 15 October, a serious shortage of railroad cars caused difficulties which may endanger plans to supply the population with stored potatoes.

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1. Comment: for lower figures of fulfillment from Land Brandenburg on 10 October 1952.

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